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TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

FIRST SERIES.

THE past has a charm for Americans, as well as for the inhabitants of countries whose history extends far into the shadowy and unknown; *our* early and romantic past has the merit of being known and truly related; everything which adds to these truths is sought for with avidity by the curious and intelligent inquirer. We have now many autograph collectors, who may be viewed in the light of preservers of documents which would otherwise perish or be dispersed; to few, comparatively, are their treasures revealed. It was suggested, therefore, that a few of the most rare and curious "Historical and Literary Curiosities" in the possession of individuals, should be grouped for the amusement and instruction of the present and of future generations, who may well know from printed accounts *what* things were done, but who can also thus learn *how* they were done.

Nearly all the articles in the present collection have been taken by competent artists from the originals of which they purport to be fac-similes. Considerable labor and trouble have been expended in collecting together the varied materials here presented; but it has been with the Editors a "labor of love," rewarded by the pleasure of the pursuit.

The work having been received with extraordinary favor by the public, and a fifth edition being called for, some additions and alterations have been made, which will create increased interest in the volume.

J. JAY SMITH,
JOHN F. WATSON.

* * Fully to understand the work, it is necessary, in turning over the pages, to have constant reference to the Table of Contents, where will be found many explanations for which space could not be found on the plates.

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Notwithstanding the announcement in the second series of this work that the first would not be reprinted, the public has demanded a sixth edition, which has been entirely redrawn, and many highly interesting additions have been made.

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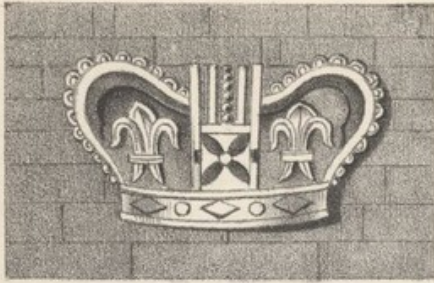
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*Effigy of George 2nd & Crown
torn from Christ Church
PHILADA.*



George B

George 2nd 1756.



*Flag of the Confederate States
A Rattle Snake Coiled in the Union*



*Seal on a Commission of a Colonel of Artillery
21st April 1780.*

Enlarge



*Crown of George 3rd & Crown
taken from Christ Church
PHILADE.*



George B
George 3rd 1786.

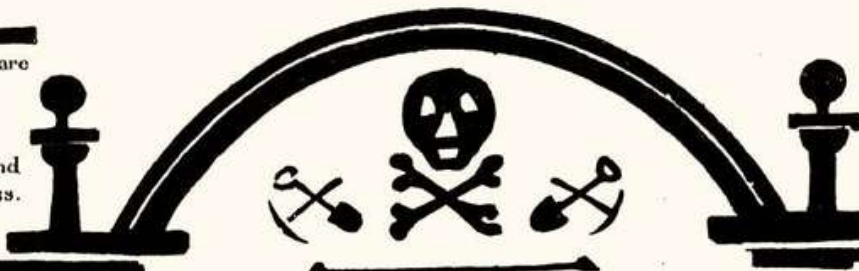


*Flag of the Confederate States
A Battle Snake Coiled in the Union*



*Seal on a Commission of a Colonel of Artillery
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The TIMES are
Dreadful,
Disful
Doleful
Dolorous, and
DOLLAR-LESS.



Thursday, October 31, 1765.

THE

NUMB. 1195.

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EXPIRING: In Hopes of a Resurrection to LIFE again.

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of my Subscribers many of whom have been long behind Hand, that they would immediately Discharge their respective Arrears that I may be able, not only to support myself during the Interval, but be better prepared to proceed again with this Paper, whenever an opening for that Purpose appears, which I hope will be soon.

WILLIAM BRADFORD

Enlarge

I desire that none of our Preachers
would oppose John Johnson, but rather
assist him all they can. I have no objection
to his preaching in any of our Societies

Do this
May 6 1763

John Wesley

Give my love to
my Father

Y^r Aff^d Father

& Holyoke

J F

Founder of the Society of Friends.

Henry Muhlenberg

Christina

Mary-Land Feb^r 27 1779

S^r Secant.
William Berkeley

Carroll

I presume not to add a word as to our Mod
esties, nor to urge to you Remembrance
y^r Maxims of Queen Elizabeth [Secun
da Cogitationes Meliores] In h^o of pray
You experience y^t all lands & all Nations
are but a drop of a Bucket in y^r
eyes of y^e King of Kings & Lord of
Lords whom I humbly beseech to ad
orn y^e throne with y^e heavenly crown
at y^e parting from y^e Great Pacific
I so pray to most unworthy servant
Roger Williams

John Adams with his consort and their Family
desire prayers that the death of a grandchild may be
sanctified to them. They also request your Prayers
for their Children and grand Children, in remote
counties abroad and distant parts at home th^t their
lives and health may be preserved from dangers by
sea and land and in due time returned in safety
to their Country and their Friends.

June the 10th
1775

Your very affectionate friend
and servant J^r G^rist

Pray commend me kindly to your wife
Mr Coker and the rest of my
friends in N^o York.

P. LXVI.

Enlarge



Gilbert Stuart 1805.

Boston Dec. 1. 1805 Mac. of Isaac O'Ware
 one hundred Dollars in full for a portrait
 of Washington to be painted by me -
 Gilbert Stuart

* * I have been an author myself.

Yours, &c. Wm. Abbott.

Yours ever truly
 C. P. Serle.

Yours most obliged
 Peter S. Deane Copley -
 Lord Lyndhurst, Genl of Copley
 Portrait Painter

Dear Sir Your obed^t humble
 Serv^t Anne Grants
 by common cond^t of
 of Lezigan

John Bartram

Signature of Volney
 to a letter to the Viscount de Noailles 1800.

J. A. W. Howard de Barre de Humboldt
 Thomas Ames

J. G. A. Ames
 Author of History of United States.

Enlarge

Dear Sir

October the 5th 1809

The Letter I Rec^d from you Respecting
 Squire Boones Sertificate Was Long Coming
 to hand and my Not being able to go to
 Fort Lewis I Dunn the Business before Col
 Keebly and sent it on by Lewis Bryan
 in closed in a Letter to your Self and one
 to Squire Boone Directing him to Deliver
 it to you him self these Letters could not
 meet you before you Left home if that
 Will not Do please Write to me at Fort
 Charles and I will make out another and
 send it to you before Court adjournes as
 I have the form you sent me I am well
 in health But Deep in Marshbury and not
 able to come Down I shall say Nothing
 about our petition but leave it all to your
 Self I am Dear as yours

Daniel Boone

Judge Calver

James Bailey
 Mr. Loper or
 Anta Anna
 Robert J
 1st Gen^l

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1755.

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1758.

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1759.

London

1757

Genl. Haldimand

1773.

John Forbes John Adair

1758.

1758.

Whorley

1755.

Robt Orme

1755.

J W Bradstreet

1768. 1770.

John Armstrong

1761.

Philip Skene

1768.

Le: M^{rs}. Lean

1762.

Lach^r. M. Intosh

Tho: Gage

1765.

In your most Obedt
M^{ost} Wthor

1795.

And^r Wth Pickens
26th June 1795

Ph: Schuyler

1774

Cornwallis

1781.

To

Pers Randolph

23^d June 1790.

Your Faithful,

and

Affectionate

Humble Servant,

Horatio Gales

His Excellency

General Washington

From Gen^l. Burgoyne to Gen^l. Washington

&c &c &c

Charles Lee

Henry Lee

J E Howard

James M. Smith
1. of L. J. L.

Aug 7. 1795-

Quebec 5th October 1773. He was leaving for Barbadoes & had not heard from his wife a long time.

Dear Peggy & an Affectionate & Unhappy

Bened. Arnold

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